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CHROMATOGRAPHY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed with the applicant's response on March 13, 2006, wherein the two general references included in the present information disclosure statement were brought to the examiner's attention but were unavailable at the time of that filing. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

Respectfully Submitted,

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